

Torrance, California
June 19, 1956

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular session at 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, June 19, 1956, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen. City Manager Stevens and Acting City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Post led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Drale opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor Isen directed City Clerk Bartlett to write to the local Ministerial Association and ask if it would be possible to have one of our ministers at the Council meetings from now on to perform the task of giving the invocation. The Council has been most appreciative of having ministers present, and would like very much to have this custom continued.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the June 12, 1956, meeting of the Council as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objection, so ordered.

AWARD OF CONTRACTS:

YUKON AVENUE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT - 1911 Act.

There was a letter from John Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, dated June 15, 1956, presenting the analysis of the bids and recommending that Sanitary Construction & Engineering Co., Inc., whose low bid was \$35,157.12, be awarded the contract.

Councilman Blount moved the analysis and recommendation from the Engineering Department be received and filed.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2948

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVING OF YUKON AVENUE AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS IN SAID CITY, IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS YUKON AVENUE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF CONCRETE CURBS, GUTTERS, CROSS GUTTERS, OUTLET STRUCTURE, SIDEWALKS, CORRUGATED METAL PIPE DRAIN, AND A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER ITEMS OR WORK INCIDENTAL OR APPURTENANT THERETO AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF SAID AWARD.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2948.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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RESURFACING OF MONTE D'ORO:

A letter from John R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer, dated June 15, 1956, gave the Engineer's analysis of bid and his recommendation that the contract be awarded to Warren-Southwest, Inc., the low bidder at \$6,675.70.

Councilman Blount moved the analysis and recommendation be accepted and filed.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2949

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND WARREN SOUTHWEST, INC.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2949.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

CRUSHED ROCK AND SCREENINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1956-57:

A letter dated June 15, 1956, from John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, presented the Engineer's analysis of the bids and their recommendation that the bid be awarded to Owl Rock Products Company, the low bidder.

Councilman Blount moved the analysis and recommendation be accepted and filed.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2950

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND OWL ROCK PRODUCTS COMPANY.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2950.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A request dated June 10, 1956, from Hymen Burnett, 8518 Horner Street, Los Angeles, for a free peddler's license.

Chief of Police Haslam recommended that this request be denied, and that such privileges be reserved for local residents.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objection, so ordered.

2. An application dated June 15, 1956, from Paul J. Muus and Oscar Iversen, co-owners of Royal Motors, for permit to operate used car business at 2084 Torrance Boulevard.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted subject to the approval of the License Department and the Chief of Police.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, no objection, so ordered.

3. Notice of Hearing before the Public Utilities Commission of Application of Pacific Greyhound Lines for increase in fares, said Hearing to be held July 5, 1956, at 10:00 A. M., in the Commission Courtroom, State Building, San Francisco, California.

Councilman Drale moved this be filed as a matter of record.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

4. A notice dated June 11, 1956, from Gerald H. Trautman that Pacific Greyhound Lines has filed an application to increase passenger fares and that copies of the application may be obtained upon request.

There were no objections and this was ordered filed.

5. A request from S. Smith Griswold, Air Pollution Control Officer, Los Angeles County, urging consideration in the budget for the establishment of suitable alternatives to inefficient refuse burning.

There were no objections and this was ordered filed.

6. A letter dated June 11, 1956, from Leland M. Swanson, City Manager of Manhattan Beach, transmitting a copy of a letter sent to the Regional Water Pollution Control Board No. 4 with reference to the discharge of sewage into the waters of Santa Monica Bay.

There were no objections and this was ordered filed.

7. A letter dated June 12, 1956, from the Waleria Civic Organization, signed by C. T. Hoyt, President, requesting the City Council to increase personnel and equipment of the Police and Fire Departments.

There were no objections, and this was referred to the City Manager for consideration in connection with the budget.

8. A letter from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association dated June 5, 1956, signed by John K. Kesson, President, requesting installation of regular traffic standards or construction of an overhead walkway at the school crossing serving Crenshaw Elementary School.

Councilman Drale moved this be referred to the Traffic Committee for study and recommendation.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

9. A letter dated June 11, 1956, from Lewis P. Reitz, Jr., of 700 Mexico Place, Palos Verdes Estates, asking for an expression of policy from the Council regarding a site proposed for a restaurant he anticipates building within 600 feet of a playground in the Waleria area. This letter explained that the Pacific Coast Highway acts as a buffer between the playground and the proposed restaurant location.

Mr. Reitz was present, and amplified his request to the Council.

Councilman Jahn moved the Council adopt a policy of "no protest" in this particular matter.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Drale said if there is a protest from the residents of the area the Council will have to reconsider this motion.

Councilman Jahn amended his motion to say "as an action of this body in itself"; in other words, he added, if there are no protests from the residents of the area, the Council will not protest.

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Councilman Drale seconded the amendment to the motion.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

10. A letter dated June 12, 1956, from the Torrance Herald, submitting a contract renewal form for legal advertising for a one-year period beginning July 1, 1956, between the City and the Torrance Herald, as prescribed by court edict, the rates to be the same as those in effect for the current contract period expiring June 30, 1956.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the contract.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Benstead asked for a legal opinion as to whether this is a legally adjudicated paper.

Acting City Attorney Remelmeyer replied, saying it is a legal paper until a court order is made to the contrary, in view of past rulings.

Councilman Benstead asked to see the contract.

Mayor Isen asked to have a copy of the contract on the Agenda of the next regular meeting of the Council.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

11. A memorandum from Casper Clemmer, Park Foreman, regarding the Tree Ordinance and planting specifications, and the fact that trees of the size and age prescribed are increasingly hard to obtain.

After some discussion, City Manager Stevens was asked to have Mr. Clemmer appear before the Councilmen at the Pre-Council meeting on June 26, 1956, to discuss this matter with the Council.

12. A request dated June 14, 1956, from Clare O. Leatherman of 912 Cota Avenue, for removal of trees in front of the Leatherman home and in front of Ralph Palmer's home at 916 Cota Avenue.

The request was ordered held over to be discussed with Mr. Clemmer when he appears before the Council June 26, 1956.

13. A request dated June 13, 1956, from the Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen's Club, signed by P. A. Eschandi, Secretary, for permission to begin selling fireworks on Saturday, June 30, 1956.

Councilman Jahn moved that all legally licensed fireworks stands be allowed to commence selling on Friday, June 29, 1956, at twelve o'clock noon.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Chief of Police Haslam said the Ordinance governing the sale of fireworks would have to be changed to allow this.

Councilman Blount asked to have Acting City Attorney Remelmeyer present a copy of the Ordinance to the Council.

It was ordered that copies of this Ordinance be presented to the Council for study as soon as possible *to the motion*.

There were no further objections and *it was so ordered see 4/26/56*.

It was agreed ~~to hold this matter over until the next meeting of the Council, June 26, 1956.~~ *See 4/26/56*

14. A protest dated June 11, 1956, from John E. Fox, United Postage Service, against the \$5.00 license fee per machine charged under the City of Torrance Ordinance.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of G. Whitacre, License Inspector, to City Clerk Bartlett, which the City Clerk relayed to the Council, that this application for exception to the Ordinance be denied.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mayor Isen asked what other communities do, saying he felt the vending of postage stamps was in a different category than other vending machines.

Mr. Whitacre was present, and said some communities charge a flat fee, plus a small charge per machine.

Mayor Isen moved to refer this protest to Mr. Whitacre for study, and, if necessary, an amendment to the Ordinance.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion.

Roll call on the substitute motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

15. Memorandum dated June 13, 1956, from City Clerk Bartlett, recommending release of Oil Well Bond No. 15-153-57, on wells known as Cunningham Lease Wells No. 1, 2 and 3, located at the southeast corner of Sepulveda and Hawthorne Boulevards.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation of the City Clerk.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

16. Memorandum dated June 13, 1956, from City Clerk Bartlett recommending release of Oil Well Bond No. 33S31857 on oil well known as Hood #1-A, Torrance Syndicate #1, of 5664 W. 3rd Street, Los Angeles.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Clerk.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Blount asked if all the requirements for properly abandoning the wells had been complied with, and George Powell, Planning Director and Land Use Investigator, reported that they had been.

Councilman Blount asked if the State requirements had been met, and Mr. Powell said they had.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17. Memorandum dated June 15, 1956, from City Clerk Bartlett, transmitting to the Council excerpts from a portion of the Minutes of a meeting of the Torrance Traffic Safety Council held May 28, 1956, sent to Mayor Isen by Rev. Hugh R. Percy, Secretary, wherein certain recommendations are made. The Mayor requested that these recommendations be placed on the Council Agenda for Council consideration.

The recommendations were that the Police Department be allowed sufficient manpower to assign one man to work at Traffic Safety Education in car clubs, high schools and other youth activity groups, and that necessary additional personnel be appointed to the Paint Department to ensure more adequate implementation of plans for clearly marking traffic lanes, intersections, stop lines, etc., in the interests of traffic safety.

There were no objections, and these recommendations were referred to the City Manager for consideration in connection with the budget.

18. A request from the South Bay Civic Symphony Orchestra, Inc., for financial support for the fiscal year 1956-57. This was signed by Elyse Aehle, Director, and dated June 15, 1956.

Mr. Howard Trimmer, of 5257 Mindanao Road, spoke to the Council in behalf of the organization, outlining the services they render to the community and the help they need.

Councilman Benstead said he would like to refer this to the Recreation Commission for study.

Councilman Drale suggested that this be referred to the Recreation Commission and the Chamber of Commerce.

There was no objection, and the Mayor ordered copies of the letter to be sent to the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, and City Manager Stevens to consider in connection with the budget.

Mrs. Aehle, who was present, spoke to the Council very briefly, emphasizing the value of the services of this group to youth.

Mr. G. F. McNeil spoke to the Council about the parking problem at his place of business at 2510 Torrance Boulevard. He said the red curb, which the Council had ordered changed, had been painted yellow. He went on to say he had asked to have this painted green, to allow parking.

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Chief of Police Haslam said that to do this would create a serious traffic problem, and that he could not recommend it.

Councilman Drale suggested that the curb be painted green up to a line directly across from the beginning of the traffic island in the center of Torrance Boulevard.

Councilman Jahn suggested that the curb be painted green far enough to allow two cars to be in motion at the corner.

Mayor Isen instructed Chief of Police Haslam to have the curb painted to allow 20-minute parking as far as the end of the traffic island before the next regular meeting of the Council, and invited Mr. McNeil to appear before the Council at that time if he wished to do so.

City Engineer Bishop said there is a possibility the traffic problem mentioned by Chief Haslam could be solved by widening the approach lanes.

Councilman Benstead asked to have the lights on Torrance Boulevard timed so the traffic will not pile up at each light.

This request was referred to the City Manager, to take up with the Electrical Department.

At 6:15 P. M. the Mayor declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 6:25 P. M.

OPENING OF BIDS:

1. City Clerk Bartlett opened and read a bid from the South Bay Humane Society for renewal of contract for pound services for the City of Torrance for the year beginning July 1, 1956, and ending June 30, 1957, with terms of the contract to be the same as in preceding years.

Councilman Drale moved to renew the contract as requested.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mayor Isen questioned the Acting City Attorney as to the holding period for animals captured by the Poundmaster.

The Mayor outlined the difficulty of a lady who called him today about her cat. The cat had been reported as a stray and taken to the Pound. When the lady went to the Pound to regain her pet, she found it had been sold to someone from Manhattan Beach, and she has not been able to get it back. The lady has asked the Mayor if the City would not help her get the cat back, and the Mayor felt that this should be done.

Acting City Attorney Remelmeyer said the lady in question had called him today, and he had checked the Ordinance, which specified a holding period for dogs, but not for cats.

Mayor Isen turned the matter over to Acting City Attorney Remelmeyer, with instructions to call the Poundmaster and make every effort to obtain the cat from the person in Manhattan Beach who bought it, and to return the cat to its rightful owner.

Councilman Benstead said it had been brought to his attention that when anyone called the Pound to find out where to have their pets given rabies shots, the name of only one veterinarian was given, and he feels more complete information should be given.

Mayor Isen said the contract should have a 7-day holding period for pets impounded.

Acting City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Ordinance should be amended to include cats.

Mayor Isen said he would vote "yes" on the motion pending the return of the cat.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Blount said he would like to see the contract before voting affirmatively on this.

Letter dated June 19, 1956, from Geo. C. Powell, Planning Director, with regard to the request of Pacific Smelting to build on land which

would become a part of 223rd Street if that street is to become a 100-foot street. This matter had been referred to this meeting from the last regular meeting of the Council.

Mr. Powell reported that he had discussed this request with Mr. Steight of the Regional Planning Commission, and he concurs in the belief that 223rd Street, west of Western Avenue, need not be 100 feet in width. Mr. Powell reported that the Council would be required to make the request of the Regional Planning Commission that this alteration in the Master Plan of Highways be studied.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Director.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Schmidt, Vice President of Pacific Smelting, told the Council that they would like to begin this work at once, and Mayor Isen told him that Mr. Powell would follow through on this as quickly as possible.

Recommendations from the City Manager:

PERSONNEL:

1. Salvatore R. Dragotto, employed as Park Maintenance Man, commencing June 18, 1956, at the first salary step. Mr. Dragotto is No. 2 on the List; the No. 1 man has indicated he will accept employment but has not given a definite date.
2. Rob R. Stone, employed as Police Officer, commencing June 18, at the first salary step. He is No. 1 on the List.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager, Items 1 and 2 under Personnel.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Oral Communications from the City Manager:

City Manager Stevens outlined to the Council a request from Supervisor Chace and the Los Angeles County Road Department that they be granted permission to temporarily extend Crenshaw to Rolling Hills Road south of Highway 101. The City Manager said the permanent extension would be made later on, reminding the Council that the City of Torrance is to furnish the pipe needed at this point for drainage and the County will do the work and install the pipe, when the time arrives to do the permanent installation.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objection, so ordered.

City Manager Stevens recommended that a Change Order for the Bath House be approved, this covering the installation of two doors with hardware and jambs at \$442.00, and for furnishing and installing guard rails, with fittings as specified, for \$213.00.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AWARD OF BIDS:

1. SEWER TOOLS:

Sewer Rodar SR-1 to be awarded to Southwest Sewer Tool Company, 3786 Durango Street, Los Angeles, the SR-1 Sewer Rodar plus guide, extension, stand, bell, rods, tool, corkscrew, saw, auger, porcupine, including sales tax, \$4,562.27.

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Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen ordered that the Council would vote on all three of these recommendations at one time.

- a. Award Regular Gasoline and Premium Gasoline to the Texas Company, 929 South Broadway, Los Angeles 15, California, which will effect a saving for the City of \$700 over the next lowest bidder.
- b. Award Automotive Diesel Fuel to the Shell Oil Company, 1008 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles 54, as the lowest bidder with the required quality of fuel. (.115 per gallon).
- c. Award Automotive Motor Oil to Ragsdale and Newell, 2319 Arlington Avenue, Torrance, as the lowest bidder with the required quality of oil. (.63 per gallon).

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the Recommendations of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. TRUCKS:

Award of bid is recommended for two (2) Ford Truck Chassis and cab with Controlator to the lowest bidder, Oscar Maples, Inc., 1420 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance, in the amount of \$3,496.54 plus 8-stud "Budd" wheels for \$75.00 additional per vehicle plus State sales tax. (Total - \$7,428.80).

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

LOAD PACKERS

4. Recommend the award of bid for one (1) Model LP-216 Gar Wood 16 cu. yd. Load Packer-Assembly, complete installed and painted in accordance with the City specification to Gar Wood Industries, 4515 Soto Street, Los Angeles 58, for \$4,611.65 net.
5. Recommend the award of bid for one (1) Leech Packer Body, 16 cu. yd. model, complete installed and painted in accordance with the City specification to A. M. Donaher & Son, 7669 Compton Avenue, Los Angeles 1, for \$4,846.00 plus tax.

At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, these two items were voted on at the same time.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

VEHICLES:

6. Recommend that the Bacon Sales Company, Ford Dealer, 1100 Pacific Coast Highway, Hermosa Beach, be awarded the bid for the following vehicles:

10 - 4-door V8 sedans w/automatic transmission
 2 - 1/2 ton pickup trucks
 1 - 2-door V8 Station Wagon w/automatic transmission
 1 - 4-door V8 Station Wagon w/automatic transmission
 1 - 3/4 Ton 4-speed transmission pickup truck
 1 - V8 panel sedan (red)

The amount not to exceed \$25,049.38 including state sales tax.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to show the Council exactly how much would be saved by accepting this bid.

Councilman Drale asked to have this item held over for a week for the preparation of that information.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to put the amount saved on the Agenda of next week's regular Council meeting.

7. Recommend that Paul's Chevrolet, Inc., 1640 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance, be awarded the bid for:

8 - V8 4-door sedans w/automatic transmission, the total price for these vehicles being \$13,949.12 including tax and that his trade-in allowance be accepted in the amount of \$5995.00. This leaves a total net cost to the City of \$7,954.12.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AIRPORT COMMISSION MATTERS:

A letter dated June 15, 1956, from the Airport Commission, signed by Jack E. White, President, recommended a lease of 6-9/10 acres of land to Air Logistics Corporation, of 3600 Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena.

The letter was as follows:

"Air Logistics Corporation, of 3600 Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, has applied for a small parcel of land at the Airport, the land being at the west end of 247th Street. The land is described as follows: 'With the line to be where the building restriction line joins with the line 60 feet south of the northern boundary of the airport and that the westerly boundary be the point at which the building restriction line intersects with a line 60 feet south of the northerly edge of the airport property, and that the westerly boundary parallel the easterly boundary.' It was also agreed that Air Logistics could use the street for parking purposes.

After investigation and approval by a duly appointed Committee of the Airport Commission of the applicant as a lessee, at the Airport Commission meeting of May 24, it was moved as follows:

'That concerning the recommended lease amount we recommend that the parcel which we are discussing, about 6-9/10 acres, for terms of lease be divided into an easterly and westerly portion at a point parallel to and some 600 feet west of the eastern boundary, and that the easterly portion of that plot we recommend be leased at an annual rent of \$600.00 per acre for a 25 year period, and that the westerly portion, which consists of a triangular piece of ground, be leased on a yearly basis subject to the City's right to cancel at the end of any year, at the rate of \$150.00 per acre per year.

Motion amended by Commissioner Hayes as follows: that rather than

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the 25-year lease mentioned, the easterly portion, Parcel 6A, be leased for 10 years with an option for renewal for 15 years at figure stated in his previous motion.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Hayes, Schneider, White. NOES: COMMISSIONERS: Herrick. ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: Crain. ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: None. "

Mr. John Clifton, of 27108 Strawberry Lane, Rolling Hills, was present to represent Air Logistics. He said the terms of this proposal were satisfactory to his company, and that they are anxious to begin building.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission, with the added stipulation that the starting date of work on the building and completion date be stipulated in the lease.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mr. Clifton said the architectural style they propose to use will probably coincide reasonably with that used in the Longren Aircraft Company building at the Airport.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale said he could not vote on this now, before he has seen the lease drawn up and the building permit taken out.

Parks and Recreation Commission:

A letter dated June 15, 1956, signed by Robert M. Almond, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, conveyed the unanimously approved recommendation of the Commission that the three City lots at 180th Street and Regina be cleared of weeds and debris and that the lots be made available for a play area.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

Civil Service Board:

A communication dated June 12, 1956, signed by W. C. Bradford, Secretary of the Civil Service Board, transmitted the Board's recommendation that the Civil Service Ordinance be amended to allow the use of "Family Sick Leave" of not to exceed three days, and be restricted to the illness of members of the employee's immediate household.

Mayor Isen asked if this could not be taken care of in the Civil Service Rules, rather than through the Ordinance, pointing out that a new Civil Service Ordinance is being prepared and will soon be ready. The Mayor referred this recommendation to Acting City Attorney Remelmeyer for implementation, there being no objections.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, dated June 15, 1956, recommending release of Subdivision Improvement Bond on Tract 20803. Attached: (a) Letter from C. W. Clemmer, Park Foreman, regarding trees in parkways; (b) location sketch.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the City Engineer in the release of Subdivision Improvement Bond on Tract No. 20803.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, dated June 15, 1956, recommending prohibition of rear access from double frontage lots (through lots) backing on major or secondary streets. The City Engineer recommended that vehicular access from said lots to said major or secondary streets be prohibited by ordinance.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

3. CASE 390: Transmittal form from Planning Commission, recommending for approval application for Variance to construct 10 retail stores at 239th Street and Crenshaw, submitted by A. M. Klum, et al, subject to special conditions.

Mayor Isen asked that this be held for a week for study.

Councilman Jahn moved for approval with the special conditions included.

Councilman Benstead asked whether the 20-foot dedication to the City had been made for the widening of Crenshaw. He said this should be a part of the conditions.

Mr. Klum was present, and said he believed the dedication has been made.

Councilman Benstead believed this place had not yet been widened.

Mr. Klum said the records show it has been made.

Councilman Drale agreed to go along with this if the motion is made subject to the widening of Crenshaw.

Mr. Klum agreed to conform.

Councilman Jahn withdrew his motion until next week, asking that this question be answered at that time.

Mayor Isen instructed City Engineer Bishop to present up-to-date information on this situation to the Council at their next meeting.

4. CASE NO. 392: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of request of Addis and Alice Thomas for Variance to construct a hospital at the northeast corner of 226th and Kent, in Land Use Zone A-1.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the request.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

REPORTS:

1. A report dated June 15, 1956, from John V. Russell, Superintendent of Building, regarding a hazardous structure at 22801 Arlington Avenue, as requested by the Council at their last meeting.

Mr. Russell reported that he has been in conference with Mr. Alter's attorney, who has given his word that the building will be moved back to the proper setback line of 50 feet from the center line of Sepulveda Boulevard.

Councilman Blount asked when this would be done, and said he would check with Mr. Russell.

There were no further objections, and the report was ordered filed.

2. Memorandum dated June 7, 1956, from the Engineering Department to A. H. Bartlett with reference to petition requesting installation of drainage system between 166th and 167th Streets. The memorandum advised that this matter has now been referred to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, as it comes under their jurisdiction.

There were no objections, and the report was ordered filed.

3. An oral report by A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk, that a complaint and summons was received on June 12 in the matter of the claim for personal injury, submitted by Benner Olan, Attorney for Concetta De Sabatino, Plaintiff. Plaintiff charged City neglected to keep sidewalk at south west corner of the intersection of Matfield Road and Crest Drive in good repair, free from dirt and debris. Original claim was denied by the City Council April 3, 1956.

Acting City Attorney Remelmeyer said this report was for information only.

4. Oral recommendations by W. H. Haslam and J. J. Benner with reference to request of Evangelistic churches to hold a United Tent Revival at southeast corner of 164th and Crenshaw, June 25 - July 20, 1956.

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Chief Haslam said he had no objection to this Revival, but that Chief Benner would have to see the tents up before he could approve or disapprove.

Mayor Isen moved to approve the request subject to the approval of Fire Chief Benner.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Blount said we usually require posting of bond to ensure clean-up of areas in such cases.

Mayor Isen amended his motion to include a "hold harmless" clause to protect the City and clean-up bond.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2951

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CERTAIN
AMENDMENTS TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH EL RANCHO
PALOS VERDES CORPORATION.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount asked if the starting and completion dates are specified in the lease.

Acting City Attorney Remelmeyer said the starting date and completion date are in the lease.

Mayor Isen pointed out No. III on Page 1 of the lease, where a starting date is specified, and a completion date as well.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2951.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 810

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.42 OF THE
TORRANCE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL
PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 3
OF SAID CODE.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 810 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Isen told Acting City Attorney Remelmeyer that the charges of Mr. Sorenson, the attorney hired to defend Councilman Jahn during the recount of votes, was too high. He directed Mr. Remelmeyer to ask Mr. Sorenson for a re-appraisal and itemization of his time.

Mayor Isen said his telephone number given in the roster of City officials was not correct. He said the home number should be FA 8-1246.

Mayor Isen reported that he had received a letter from a Mrs. Hague offering a tree to the City for the new Civic Center, and turned the letter over to City Manager Stevens with the recommendation that this be referred to Park Foreman Clemmer for his appraisal of the tree in question.

Mayor Isen requested Acting City Attorney Remelmeyer to check the law and give a written report to the Council as soon as possible on whether or not he and Councilman Blount were entitled to pay under the Charter Amendment passed at the recent election.

Mayor Isen said he had spoken to City Manager Stevens about a thought he had about further streamlining the Agenda. He suggested the Clerk's office, or other offices handling mail addressed to the City Council, work with Mr. Mansfield on the various communications addressed to the Council, and where possible direct them to the persons whose responsibility these would become. When these people have prepared recommendations, they can forward the letter and their recommendation thereon to the Council for consideration. The Mayor pointed out the time saving this would bring about.

Councilman Benstead said he thought this was a very good idea.

Councilman Jahn asked if this would be tried for a short time before a definite procedure was decided on, and Mayor Isen said it would.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen brought up the fact that it would soon be time for rabies shots to be given, and that under our Ordinance, it is provided that the Poundmaster provide a clinic during the month of July where pets could be given rabies shots for a reasonable fee. He said the City Council can, by following certain steps, set up a clinic where the shots can be given for \$1.50. The Mayor moved the necessary steps be taken to do so.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

Mayor Isen had a letter in his possession which outlined the procedure necessary, and turned this over to City Manager Stevens with instructions to follow through on this.

Planning Director George Powell said a citizen who lives in the City of Los Angeles owns the corner at 174th and Hawthorne. He said a shopping area to be built in the City of Redondo Beach has been planned with a sump for drainage, and the builders would like to have the sump on this man's property. Mr. Powell went on to say that the man did not want to sell for that purpose, but was afraid the land might be condemned. As the land is in the City of Torrance, Mr. Powell has been asked by the owner of it to get an expression of policy from the Council if that is possible.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Powell the Council would go on record as being against a sump being built on this property.


Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P. M.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED


Mayor of the City of Torrance

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